

Trace back the history and development of Police in Pakistan.

— Introduction —

Police, a very important part of criminal justice system, works to detect and investigate a crime. In Pakistan, there is a history behind the establishment and development of police organization. This history is from the medieval period to after ~~current~~ independence.

— Police —

Police is define as an organization of criminal justice system which is related to investigation, detection and prevention of crimes. The main functions of the police in Pakistan are define under article 4 of the Police order 2002. These functions include prevention and detection of crimes, protection of property and life, maintenance of law and order, and law enforcement. In this way, Police play a very important role.

in criminal justice system.

— History and Development of Police in Pakistan —

Let's start the history and development of police in Pakistan from muslim period.

— Police during Mughal in Sub-continent —

In sub-continent, during the Mughal or medieval period, an organization was established which performs the function of policing. 'KOTWALS' were worked under the Mughal rulers. They were perform all functions of police. Kotwals were subjected to the ruler of that time. Kotwal was the chief officer of police who was responsible to enforce law and, maintain law and order in their area. The work of kotwal is approximately same as the duty of police in current period.

Police during British Rule

After Mughal period, the rule of the sub-continent was under British. The first company East India Company (EIC); a company of British in subcontinent was established. When the complete rule were given to British after the war of independence (WOT), then British established police organization as military. It means that functions of police were performed by military. After some time, British introduced a separate system of police under 'Police order/Act 1861'. After Independence, the same act was followed in Pakistan for policing system. And the police order 2002 was also formed on the basis of that police Act 1861. So, the police organization was established by the British.

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Development of Police Structure in Pakistan

The development of Police structure in Pakistan contains different steps. In 1948, the metropolitan system of Police was established in Karachi. Then in 1951, the recommendations were given by Sir Oliver, IG of NWFP. After that in 1961, Police Commission was formed. In 1987, seven person committee by UN visited India and Bangladesh. After that, in 1989, seven person committee by UN visited again India and Bangladesh. Then in 2002, the Police Act was formulated in Pakistan.

All these structures of the police system in Pakistan were presented by Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI).

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The Police Order 2002

The Police Act of 1861 was used in Pakistan for a long period of time. Then it was replaced by "The Police Order 2002". The functions of police are described under article 4 of the Police Order 2002.

These functions are as follow:

- i- Protection of life and property
- ii- Investigation of crime.
- iii- Detection of crime.
- iv- Prevention from crimes
- v- Law enforcement.
- vi- Maintenance of law.
- vii- Watch and ward system etc.

The Watch and Ward system is separated from traditional policing under the article 8 of the Police Order 2002. Before this, watch and ward system was combine in police functions.

The Current system of Police in Pakistan

The current system of police in Pakistan is different in every province. All province made their own system of Policing.

~~of Punjab's Policing~~

In Punjab, the system of policing is worked under the 'Police order 2002'. They can't changed their system of Policing.

~~of Balochistan Policing~~

In Balochistan, the system of policing is worked under the Police Order/Act 2011. They update their system of policing from the police order 2002.

In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the system of Policing is worked under the 'Police order 2017'. They made their own system of policing and used it. But it can't work properly because of different reasons and problems.

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Sindh Policing

In Sindh, the system of policing was under the police Act 2002. But they update their system and used the older one 'The Police order 1861'. But now, they shifted their system of policing again from "The Police Act 1861" to "The Police order 2002" in 2019.

Conclusion

In a nutshell, we say that many reforms were made by different governments to upgrade the system of policing in Pakistan. But in reality, there is a need to upgrade the system of Police to ensure proper functioning. Because many ills were found in the current system which need remedies.